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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, MILITARY BRANCH:

Subject: Negotiations with DMI (Captured Japanese Documents)

1. Referring to your Memorandum to the Chief, Policy Staff, 14 December 1944 regarding the above subject, the basic agreement on "The Coordination of Intelligence Pertaining to the Japanese Ground Forces" accepted by the DMI 5 October 1944, paragraph 5 states:

"For Asiatic Theaters under primary British responsibility, DMI will arrange so that all factual intelligence * * * * * will be transmitted by most expeditious means to G-2, Washington, * * * . G-2 will distribute to DMI and to Asiatic Theaters under primary British responsibility the pertinent information resulting from the study of factual intelligence. DMI will be responsible for indicating the distribution he desires."

Paragraph 6 states:

"The following intelligence responsibilities will be centralized in the appropriate G-2 Sections; * * * *, captured documents; * * * * *."

2. The British proposal for "Coordination of Far East Intelligence" contained in British JIC/1256/44, 11 September 1944, Annex "A", paragraph 2(ii) states:

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(ii) Inter-Service Captured Documents Section.--Captured documents after preliminary examination for local purposes, or photostat copies will be passed to Washington without delay."*

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*Washington should notify theaters of documents and equipment already received and dealt with.

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3. It would seem clear that it is the intent of the above-mentioned basic agreement that Japanese documents captured in British theaters should be forwarded to MID and that a request to the DMI to issue appropriate related instructions to British Theater Commanders would be proper. There is no record of such a specific formal request to the DMI, nor of instructions issued by the DMI in this regard. Attention is invited to Memorandum for the Chief, MIS, 2 December 1944 from the A. C. of S., G-2, Subject: "Coordination of Intelligence Pertaining to the Japanese Ground Forces".

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